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Validation of the invalidated enactments.

* 873 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government are taking or have taken necessary steps to validate all the enactments invalidated by the Courts since January 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"The answer is generally in the affirmative; but in two cases, the question of filing an appeal in the Supreme Court against the decision of the High Court is under consideration."

Extent of waste lands brought under cultivation in Tanjore district.

* 874 *Q.*—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of cultivable waste lands in Tanjore district; and

(*b*) the number of acres out of that extent which have been brought under cultivation?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"(*a*) 75,040 acres.
"(*b*) 4,416 acres."

Distribution of lands under the Bhoodan Movement.

* 875 *Q.*—SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any information regarding the extent of lands actually distributed among the landless persons in the State under the Bhoodan Movement; and

(*b*) whether the Government contemplate any legislation for the purpose of enabling the valid transfer of the lands quickly and without much expense?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"(*a*) No.
"(*b*) Yes."

9 a.m. SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—"Is there any proposal to make these transfers less expensive?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"Sir, there is a provision that the transfer of lands under the Boodan movement will be free of registration charges and stamp duties."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—"Are pattas being issued in the name of the donees?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"The whole matter is under consideration by the Government."